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The Security Council,

Reaffirming its strong commitment to the sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and unity of Côte d'Ivoire,

Recalling the importance of the principles of good-neighbourliness, non-interference and regional cooperation,

Recalling the decision taken by the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Summit held in Accra on 29 September 2002 to deploy a peacekeeping force in Côte d'Ivoire,

Further recalling its full support for the efforts of ECOWAS to promote a peaceful settlement of the conflict, and also *appreciating* the efforts of the African Union to reach a settlement,

Welcoming the convening, at the invitation of France, of the Round Table of Ivorian political forces, held in Linas-Marcoussis from 15 to 23 January 2003, and the Conference of Heads of State on Côte d'Ivoire, held in Paris on 25 and 26 January 2003,

Welcoming the communiqué issued on 31 January 2003 following the twenty-sixth regular Summit of the Heads of State and Government of ECOWAS held in Dakar as well as the communiqué issued on 3 February 2003 following the seventh ordinary session of the Central Organ of the Mechanism of the African Union for Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution at Heads of State and Government Level,

Noting the existence of challenges to the stability of Côte d'Ivoire and *determining* that the situation in Côte d'Ivoire constitutes a threat to international peace and security in the region,

1. *Endorses* the agreement signed by the Ivorian political forces in Linas-Marcoussis on 24 January 2003 (S/2003/99) ("the Linas-Marcoussis Agreement") and adopted by the Conference of Heads of State and *calls on* all Ivorian political forces to implement it fully and without delay;

2. *Notes* the provisions in the Linas-Marcoussis Agreement for the formation of a government of national reconciliation and *calls on* all Ivorian political forces to work with the President and the Prime minister towards the establishment of a balanced and stable government;

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3. *Also notes* the provisions in the Linas-Marcoussis Agreement providing for the establishment of a Monitoring Committee, *calls on* all the members of that committee to monitor closely compliance with the terms of the Agreement and urges all parties to cooperate fully with the committee;

4. *Expresses its gratitude* to the Secretary-General for the vital role he has played in the smooth conduct of these meetings and *encourages* him to continue to contribute to a final settlement of the Ivorian crisis;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Council at the earliest possible date recommendations on how the United Nations could support fully the implementation of the Linas-Marcoussis Agreement, in accordance with the request by the Round Table of Ivorian political forces and by the Conference of Heads of State on Côte d'Ivoire, and *declares its readiness* to take appropriate measures on the basis of these recommendations;

6. *Welcomes* the Secretary-General's intention to appoint a Special Representative for Côte d'Ivoire, based in Abidjan, and requests him to do so as soon as possible;

7. *Condemns* violations of human rights and international humanitarian law that have taken place in Côte d'Ivoire since 19 September 2002 and *stresses* the need to bring to justice those responsible and *urges* all parties, including the Government, to take all necessary steps to prevent further violations of human rights and international humanitarian law, in particular against civilians regardless of their origin;

8. *Welcomes* the deployment of ECOWAS forces and French troops with a view to contributing to a peaceful solution of the crisis and, in particular, to the implementation of the Linas-Marcoussis Agreement;

9. *Acting* under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations, and in accordance with the proposal contained in paragraph 14 of the conclusions of the conference of Heads of State on Côte d'Ivoire, authorizes Member States participating in the ECOWAS forces in accordance with Chapter VIII together with the French forces supporting them to take the necessary steps to guarantee the security and freedom of movement of their personnel and to ensure, without prejudice to the responsibilities of the Government of National Reconciliation, the protection of civilians immediately threatened with physical violence within their zones of operation, using the means available to them, for a period of six months after which the Council will assess the situation on the basis of the reports referred to in paragraph 10 below and decide whether to renew this authorization;

10. *Requests* ECOWAS, through the command of its force, and France to report to the Council periodically, through the Secretary-General, on all aspects of the implementation of their respective mandates;

11. *Calls upon* all States neighbouring Côte d'Ivoire to support the peace process by preventing any action that might undermine the security and territorial integrity of Côte d'Ivoire, particularly the movement of armed groups and mercenaries across their borders and illicit trafficking and proliferation of arms in the region, including small arms and light weapons;

12. *Decides* to remain actively seized of the matter.